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Aadhaar Based Welfare Delivery Mechanism
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

a) whether the World Bank in one of its report described Aadhaar based welfare delivery mechanism as transformational and if so, the details thereof;
b) the total number of beneficiaries along with the total funds disbursed and saved by curbing leakage through direct cash transfer under various schemes linked with Aadhaar during the last three years and the current year, year-scheme-wise and Statewise; and
c) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure the benefits of schemes linked to Aadhaar caters the actual beneficiary?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)
(a) to (c)
World Bank in its World Development Report 2016 in Chapter 3 (Delivering Services) in Spotlight 4 (Digital Identity) has recognized the use of aadhaar as a digital ID in India for implementing direct cash transfer programmes resulting in savings through reduced leakage and efficiency gains in government expenditures. Scheme-wise details of schemes, beneficiaries and the total amount disbursed upto March, 2015 since inception of the DBT and 2015-16 and 2016-17 (up to October, 2016) are given at Annexure I, Annexure II and Annexure III respectively. Details of savings through DBT are given in Annexure IV. Further, in order to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach the actual beneficiaries, payments are made to the actual beneficiaries in their Aadhaar linked bank account through Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB).